

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH



July 24, 2012

Our Reference: DMH/SEH/MG/pas
Your Reference: Criminal Case Number

Albrecht Muth (#927,405)
2011 CF1 15683; PDID#: 448-998

The Clerk
Criminal Division
Superior Court
of the District of Columbia
500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 4110
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Sir:

We wish to call to your attention the case of Albrecht Muth, who was admitted to Saint Elizabeths Hospital by Court order on February 15, 2012 under the provisions of Title 24, Section 531.03 of the D.C. Code for mental examination, with report due on or before March 13, 2012, with a charge of First Degree Murder pending.

Reference is made to our most recent letter to the Court dated June 19, 2012, in which we reported that Mr. Muth was incompetent to stand trial. Subsequently, we received notice that the case was continued until July 26, 2012.

Since the last evaluation on June 18, 2012, Mr. Muth's clinical presentation and mental status has remained relatively unchanged. He remains on psychotropic medication for the treatment of a mental illness and has been attending treatment groups at the Intensive Therapeutic Learning Center on a regular basis.

Competency group leaders have described Mr. Muth as an active participant in these groups and indicate that he continues to evidence a general understanding of the court process. Mr. Muth continues to express being at an impasse with his attorneys and has continued to demonstrate an inflexibility about developing alternative defense strategies with his attorneys. At the time of the last letter to the Court, it was recommended that more frequent contact with his attorneys would possibly improve the professional relationship between he and his attorneys, which could lend to Mr. Muth having more of a willingness to consider other defense strategies. Since previous letter, however, Mr. Muth has denied that his attorneys have visited him more frequently.

MUTH, Albrecht - The Clerk, Criminal Division, Special Proceedings
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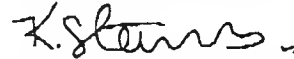
At this time, we respectfully request that a continuance be granted so that the Hospital may receive additional documentation that would assist with formulating the opinion for the ordered competency examination to include conducting collateral interviews with family members, a review of records including Mr. Muth's employment history, journal entries, and copies of reports generated by other experts involved in Mr. Muth's case. The Court's assistance in obtaining these resources would be greatly appreciated. It is recommended that he remain hospitalized for this ongoing evaluation.

As stated previously, Mr. Muth is diagnosed with Delusional Disorder, Persecutory Type, and Personality Disorder Not Otherwise Specified. He is currently receiving medication for the treatment of these illnesses. It is recommended that he continue to receive medications for treatment of his condition. In addition, it is our recommendation that he remain hospitalized for competency restoration given the need for continued treatment that would be best completed in an inpatient setting.

Sincerely,

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